



Sacramento County *COVID-19 Halloween* *For Residents*

*A safe Halloween may look and feel a little different this year, but you can still **enjoy Halloween in your own neighborhood**, while reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19. Here's how:*

All the usual Halloween precautions (see back) need to be in place, but you are still encouraged to stay in your own neighborhood, along with the following recommendations:

FACE COVERINGS – Wear a face covering if those around you are not vaccinated or if it's unknown. Masks are required (unless exempt) when at indoor public settings. Have your child select their own face covering and then decorate it together to match the costume.

KNOW YOUR RISK LEVEL – If you or a family member is at high risk for getting severely ill from COVID-19, you might consider choosing low risk activities and skipping some events all together.

HYGIENE – Use hand sanitizer before digging into the candy. Don't share costume props or food. Be sure to clean/disinfect high-touch surfaces. And, of course, if you feel sick or could be contagious, stay home and away from others.

BE READY FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS – In an outdoor area such as a porch or driveway: set up a table to hand out candy using candy-grabber or tongs; make treat bags and hang them from streamers outside; or place a bowl of candy and bottle of hand sanitizer at the end of the driveway/walkway. Wear a face covering around others and practice hand hygiene.

CELEBRATE CREATIVELY – To lower risk, host a virtual Halloween “watch” party with online video/chat and have best costume or craft project contests; have a Halloween movie night with household members either at home or drive-in; do reverse trick-or-treat by dropping off small gift bags on your neighbor's porch; or, celebrate outdoors or in an open garage.

FALL ACTIVITY SAFETY TIPS –

Día de los Muertos: Celebrate with household members or virtually. For cemetery visits, go with those you live with, and limit time spent with others to a minimum.

Pumpkin Patches: Go when it is less crowded. Bring hand sanitizer, blanket or chairs rather than using a crowded dining area, and try to maintain social distancing when crowded.

Haunted Houses: Choose an outdoor venue such as haunted corn maze, hay ride or scream park. Because screaming will happen, wear a mask to limit the spread of respiratory droplets.

Parties and Social Gatherings: Have outdoors; set out individual servings of food/drink; have sanitizer/handwashing stations; request that guests are vaccinated or have a negative test.

Get official details of the Sacramento County COVID-19 Halloween Guidance at [SacCounty.net/COVID-19](https://saccounty.net/COVID-19)

P.S. Make Every Halloween a Treat, Not a Trick

Inspect – All treats for tampering

Be Alert – While driving or Trick-or-Treating

See and Be Seen – Use reflective tape and flashlights

Keep Pets Safe – Bring them indoors with I.D. collar and current license tags

Give Only Commercially Wrapped Treats – And consider giving healthier or non-food items

